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For

AUTOCAPTURE PACING/SENSING

CONFIGURATION

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

The Commissioner of Patent and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Final Official Action dated October 22, 2002.

The shortened-statutory period for response was set to expire in three months or on January 22,

2003. This paper is submitted within two months of the date of the Final Action.

The Examiner is request to please enter the following amendments as they are believed to render the claims allowable or reduce issues that would be present in an appeal should that

become necessary:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please rewrite claims 1, 11, 12, 14, 15, 19, 29, 30, 32 and 33 as follows:

1. (Five Times Amended) A cardiac pacing system for use with unipolar or bipolar atrial and ventricular pacing and sensing leads, said cardiac pacing system including:

(a) an atrial lead having atrial electrodes comprising an atrial tip electrode and an atrial

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